

Churches and
Students War
on MilitarismCouncil Representing 22,000,000
Adherents Hits Military
Training in Schools

Washington.—Compulsory military training in schools and colleges is for the benefit of the American educational system, declares the Federal Council of Churches. Church members throughout the country have been asked to study the question of "Prussianism" in education.

The action of the Federal Council of Churches, representing affiliated churches with a membership of 22,000,000, is indicative of the fight which is being waged the country over against teaching the art of mass murder to school boys. The Northern Baptist convention recently went in record numbers to the annual convention at the University of Chicago, where the resolution was adopted that compulsory military training be abolished in all schools and colleges. Unsuccessful efforts to dislodge the military parades have been made in other schools.

The latest effort in this direction was at the Oklahoma Agricultural & Mechanical college, a state-supported institution at Stillwater, Oklahoma. There the Farmers' union, W. M. Darr, a former candidate for governor, and a newspaper strongly supported by the southwestern districts of the United Mine Workers of America, have joined with the church organization of Oklahoma to banish the officers from Stillwater.

At the University of Missouri, the students voted overwhelmingly to abolish the drill, but nothing has yet been done by the administrative officers. Even in the faraway University of Hawaii, signs of rebellion are heard. The University of Wisconsin was the pioneer in abolishing the vicious practice which grew up after the war.

The weapons used in the colleges against military drill include ridicule, and the digress up of war propaganda which declared that Germany became a militaristic nation because of the elaborate system of military training in her schools. As this argument was used by the United States government when it wanted to secure enlistments, and liberty bonds, and create war sentiment, the militarists of America are made furious for they can not reply with answer it.

Labor is becoming interested as reports of the R. O. T. C. activities reach the outside. The cadets are taught to despise the "best people" of the country. They may have to take up arms some day against the labor people and similar scum of the earth as they are called.

The Broadcaster

The declaration of independence speaks of "inalienable rights," but the profit system has alienated them from the worker.

If you would only learn you might have all you earn.

Perhaps one reason the farmer gets no relief is that the plutocrats want the money for their army and navy.

Doubtless you are a valiant fighter, but you are dumb. You have fought for the other fellow, not for yourself.

This is not contempt of court, but many courts are surely making themselves contemptible.

The employers win through their army of the unemployed.

There has never been a war that was not a class war.

Most of those who stand with the present system also fall with it.

If you object to being skinned you are unpatriotic and may be shot.

The worker sweats, and the shirker gets.

The profiteers want freedom to rob the producers without interference—and get it.

Socialism proposed that you use your credit for the purchase of American industries, for the people. Plutocracy has used your cash and credit to buy them for the few.

If the right to get drunk can be made the issue it will relieve plutocracy of great anxiety. It was afraid it would be found out.

If there is a reactionary measure that has not been advocated by this administration, it must be because it hasn't had time to get to it.

Now since the radio has killed the soap box, it is to be denied the worker. The worker has no voice now. He can't even whistle.

The midnight show of naked women is making money in all the big cities. The profit system is so moral, you know.

It is the "progressive" Capper who fathers the measure for turning the republic into a dictatorship whenever the plutocrats shall conclude an "emergency" exists.

The voice of the worker has been ruled out of the air. Only the plutocrats and their friends may broadcast.

Socialism is reviving and gaining. Only the plutocrats are careful to conceal the fact.

Wisconsin Socialists Hold
Best Convention in 8 Years

156 Delegates from All Over State Attend—Splendid Ticket Nominated—Every County to Be Organized in Whirlwind Campaign

Wisconsin is back to the old strength and enthusiasm of the Socialist movement. It has crossed the line leading the other states in a new advance that is soon to give the whole movement in America national power, strength and growth.

This is the universal opinion of those who attended the state Socialist



LEO KRZYCKI

convention, Brisbane Hall, Milwaukee, June 13 and 14.

In the number attending as delegates, in the wide state representation, in enthusiasm, harmony, determination, and confidence, and in the ambitious character of the work outlined, it was the greatest, the most remarkable state convention of the Socialist Party held in Wisconsin since 1918.

The two-day session was remarkable for its harmony and industry and for the absence of blatant democracy and personal wire-pulling. The speeches made were all sincere, earnest efforts befitting a party fresh from the people. That of Mayor Hoan.

Saturday afternoon, was a powerful summing up of the bankruptcy and the utter dishonesty of capitalism in both state and nation and the untold record of the party, as the new plan of action was outlined. A ringing speech by Leo Krzycki during the closing hours of the convention was also notable. The choosing of the candidates was carried through with earnestness and practically brought the gathering to a close.

The Ticket

The following strong ticket was selected:

For United States Senator—Leo Krzycki, Milwaukee.

For Governor—Herman O. Kent, Milwaukee.

For Lieutenant Governor—Peter Gilles, Arkansas, Wis.

For Secretary of State—George Eaglehill, Green Bay.

For State Treasurer—Mrs. Ada C. Burrow, Horicon.

For Attorney General—Benjamin W. Reynolds, Milwaukee.

The Socialist candidate for the United States Senate is an outstanding labor leader. Leo Krzycki has been for a number of years a vice-president and general organizer of the International Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union of America, in which capacity he has been afforded a close contact with the working class and its problems. He was born in Milwaukee. As a Socialist undersecretary in 1915 he met a "law and order" emergency during a strike in a way that made history. He persuaded the sheriff to deputize 75 strikers, instead of gunmen, to preserve order. This plan proved completely successful. From 1912 to 1916 he served as a Socialist alderman in Milwaukee.

Herman O. Kent, Socialist candidate for governor of Wisconsin, is one of the most active and prominent leaders in the Socialist and trade union movements in Wisconsin. He served two terms in the state assembly, 1914 to 1918.

In 1915 he was elected alderman from the 9th Ward, Milwaukee, and has served in that capacity ever since. He has been a member of the Typographical Union for 20 years, has represented his union as a delegate to the Milwaukee Federated Trades Council and as delegate to the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor.

Farmer-Labor Unity

An interesting fact about Peter

Gilles, Socialist candidate for lieutenant-governor, is that he is a "dirt" farmer. He lives on his farm in Pierce county where he has been doing splendid work as one of the most active scouts in the Appeal Army. He is a pioneer Socialist propagandist among farmers, is president and director of a cooperative telephone company in his neighborhood and is active and prominent in other cooperative enterprises.

A significant phase of the work of this convention was this selection of



HERMAN O. KENT

a farmer for a prominent place on the ticket and the distinctive recognition accorded the interests of the working farmers in the platform. Planks were adopted to aid the upbuilding of the co-operatives; to enable counties, towns and villages to operate facilities for the marketing of the farmers' products; state hail and tornado insurance and other farmer planks. Right in the center of the northwest, where the Farmer-Labor party movement is strongest, the Socialist party has launched a program more fundamentally for the interests of the workers and working farmers, than the Farmer-Labor movement itself.

Platform

The following are planks of the platform:

1.—Public ownership and public development of water power and a single publicly-owned system for the production and transmission of electricity at cost.

2.—An effective state system of fire insurance.

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Babies Die
Like Flies
in PassaicLow Wages Causes Slaughter
of Innocents, Says
Economist

Passaic, N. J.—(BLES)—Brutal conditions in this textile city, where several thousand workers are "now on strike," are responsible for a high mortality rate among infants, according to W. Jett Lauck, nationally known economist.

As one observer expressed it, "the children of Passaic die like flies." Lauck found that mothers were forced to work in the textile mills because of the miserably low wages. Babies have been born in the mill rooms, mothers working up to the time of the birth. Lauck recently completed a personal investigation.

"Among children under one year," he said, "Passaic had a 43 percent greater mortality than the rest of New Jersey, among children under five years, it has a 52 percent greater mortality."

The conclusions reached by Lauck after his investigation were summed up as follows:

1. Despite the low wages, the mills enjoy an average protective duty of 73 percent, so their profits must be enormous.

2. Most of the mills are alien controlled, although conditions in American-owned plants are no better.

3. The low wages are directly responsible for sickness and a high death rate in the mill towns.

And They Say It
Can't Be Done

The Seattle municipal light system added 11,636 new customers during the first quarter of 1926.

The municipal light plant at Jamestown, N. Y., has again reduced its rates. Public ownership ultimately means service at cost.

The Alabama State Federation of Labor recently adopted a resolution against the leasing to private interests of Muscle Shoals.

The municipally owned docks of Tampa, Florida, yield a revenue of \$2250 a month.

The people of Jacksonville, Illinois, led by the Chamber of Commerce, have raised \$100,000 by a sort of popular

Lithuanian
Socialists
Win VictoryIncrease Seats from 8 to 15 and
Vote From 100,000 to
170,000

Last week the American Appeal published news of a splendid increase in the Socialist vote in Lithuania in an election held last month. Lithuania, a neighboring country of 4,900,000 inhabitants carved out of Russia by the Allies to stop the advance of Socialism, now reports that in the national elections held in that country, May 8th to 10th, the Socialist vote shows a still more remarkable increase.

The Socialist Democratic Party increased its vote from 100,000 to 170,000 and its representation in the Seimas, which is the name given to the representative assembly, from 8 to 15 members.

Another important victory for progress was that the reactionary parties lost control, and power has passed to the parties of the left. In the old Seimas the reactionary bloc was composed of 40 members, the left had 35 members. The number of seats of these the reactionaries now control 20 seats and the liberal, progressive and Socialist parties 55 seats.

Among all the parties of the left, the Socialists met with most opposition and made the greatest advance. They now have the second largest party in Lithuania. The largest party is the Agricultural Popular Party, representing the tenant farmers. It has 22 members in parliament. The total Communist vote was about 18,000.

The fake labor party of Lithuania, the Catholic Labor Federation, fostered by the Christian Democrats to disrupt the labor and Socialist movement and dominated by the Catholic priesthood, suffered the greatest defeat. Its representation in parliament was reduced from 12 seats to 5.

loan to extend the municipal light plant so it may serve the whole city.

The "Southern Ruralist" has come out strong for the government retention of Muscle Shoals.

Lincoln, Neb., has just voted \$47,000 for a new generator for its municipal light plant so it can extend its service.

The net operating revenue of the Canadian National Railways, publicly owned, for 1925 was \$22,261,114.79, or over \$15,000,000 larger than in 1924.

15,000,000 Germans Vote
To Sieze Royal Property

Germany.—The greatest revolution in the history of the world is now being carried out by the socialization of 15,000,000. The seizure of land and other property of the deposed royal masters of Germany—received the favorable total of 15,000,000 in the election Sunday under the influence of the German people who are overjoyed by the socialization of the royal properties.

The three causes the 15,000,000 necessary under the German constitution to carry such a referendum, in all probability have been achieved. The first was the force of the referendum employed by the great mass of workers and junkers in the country.

The second cause of the voters in the rural centers voted for expropriation while only 37 per cent of the voters in the rural sections so voted. Some of the Brandenburg provinces, for instance, the pressure of the big landowners was so great that there were villages where a single vote was cast. In some of the landowners stood on the polling places to prevent

any reason why the referendum to get the vote required by the pressure brought to bear by the Catholic workers by the Catholic clergy. The Catholic went so far in its efforts to get the will of the German people that the cardinal, and bishops forbade voting for the church members and the elections were organized

on election day to keep the workers from the polls. In a few places the Catholic workers defied these edicts and tactics of the church and voted with the working class, but in the majority of cases, the church was able to hold them in line.

The third reason was the social and governmental pressure that was brought to bear by the upper classes to ostracize those who voted. Many of the middle class and members of official circles favored confiscation, but did not dare to go to the polls.

The vote was almost purely a proletarian vote. It was a vote of the independent, class-conscious, thinking part of the German proletariat. The enormous size of it—its overwhelming strength in the industrial centers, makes this vote equal in significance to the great British General Strike. It has sent a chill of terror through the upper classes of Germany.

This panic has taken the form of a plan in the Reichstag to rush through a bill that will legalize the partial socialization of the estates of the German royal families.

The day after the election Chancellor Marx, a Catholic party leader, took the whip hand and issued an ultimatum to party leaders to accept the government's compromise in regard to settlement of the question of the disposal of the royal properties, or be prepared to suffer the consequences. He added a direct threat to dissolve the Reichstag. The Democratic Party, the only other party in Germany besides the Socialist and Communist parties that supported the referendum, has come out for the government compromise measure. The Socialists hold the whip hand

Berger and Melms
for Congress on
Milwaukee Ticket

The Socialists of Milwaukee county announced a full ticket from top to bottom for every office, as follows:

Congress, 4th District, Edmund T. Melms; Congress, 5th District, Victor L. Berger; Sheriff, Al R. Benson; District Attorney, Rudolph J. Murdoch; County Clerk, E. Erwin Matther; County Treasurer, William Hamann; Register of Deeds, William L. Smith; Coroner, N. E. Peterson; Clerk of Courts, Martin Haumann.

For State Senate

State Senator, 3rd District, Walter Polakowski; 5th District, Frank J. Weber; 6th District, Alex. J. Ruffing; 7th District, Bernhard Bohlmann; 9th District, John Shinnars.

For State Assembly

1st District, Joseph Gora; 2nd, Gustav Boelke; 3rd, Albert Weller; 4th, Thomas M. Duncan; 5th, George Tews; 6th, John Lewin; 7th, Philip Wenz; 8th, Frank Cieszyński; 9th, Julius Klesner; 10th, Walter Otto; 11th, Elmer Baumann; 12th, Henry D. Padway; 13th, Max L. Wagner; 14th, George Gauer; 15th, Paul Schmidt; 16th, Math. Wallner; 17th, John Jett; 18th, John A. Krause; 19th, John Schillink; 20th, William Coleman.

As the leading party supporting a referendum that drew more than half the active voters of Germany, it has served notice that it will not support the government measure unless that measure provides for the socialization of at least 85 per cent of the royal properties.

If this ultimatum leads to a deadlock the Reichstag will be dissolved and a new election ordered. In a new election the Socialists would have the strongest position they have ever held in Germany. A clear-cut Socialist victory would be possible.

Real Murderer
Found in Sacco
Vanzetti CaseCelestino Madeiros Confesses—
Remarkable Vindication of
Labor Stand

Cambridge, Mass.—New evidence in support of a new trial for Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, was revealed by defense counsel in a court hearing June 17. It included an affidavit by Celestino Madeiros convicted bank holdup murderer, that he and the Morrell freight car thief gang of Providence had committed the murder of a paymaster and guard in 1920, of which Sacco and Vanzetti have been convicted.

"Madeiros," said William G. Thompson, chief of defense counsel, "deposed that the night after the murder he went to a Providence saloon to receive his share of the booty, only to find that he had been double crossed and that his confederates had disappeared."

Defense Attorney Wm. G. Thompson won 2 weeks more time from trial judge Thayer in which to obtain additional affidavits to make the proof of innocence of the two labor organizers most conclusive. When Asst. Dist. Atty. Hanney moved to limit completion of the defense case to June 19 Thompson disclosed that he had 18 affidavits and hopes for 25 more fastening the guilt of the 1920 payroll robbery and murder on a gang of professional criminals.

These confessions constitute a remarkable vindication of the stand taken by the Socialist and Labor forces from the first that Sacco and Vanzetti, labor leaders, had been railroaded to prison and sentenced to death on a frame-up. If the workers will renew their efforts in behalf of these victims of class-war, they may yet be saved.

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